

RECRUITING ASSOCIATION FORMED FOR THE PROVINCE

Representative Men From all Sections Put Themselves on Record as Favoring Conscription--Important Matters Discussed.

The New Brunswick Provincial Recruiting Association was organized here yesterday at a meeting of representative citizens from all parts of the province. Officers and members give their services without recompense and will pay their own travelling expenses to the place of meeting once a month. The object of the Association will be to encourage and stimulate recruiting in every way possible. One of the outstanding features of the meeting was the unanimous expression of opinion in favor of conscription.

Officers Elected.

Judge Gilmour was elected temporary chairman and when the organization was completed, the officers were: President, R. O'Leary. Vice-President, Judge McLatchy. Secretary, Capt. Tilley. Treasurer, E. A. Schofield. Executive Committee, Col. Guthrie, J. B. Hachey, L. A. Dugal, A. E. Trites, H. P. Robinson and the officers.

Those Present.

Lt. Col. P. A. Guthrie, M.P.P., special recruiting officer for the Maritime Provinces, issued the call for the gathering and the response to his call from every county in the province was shown when the following gentlemen answered to the roll call: Restigouche, Judge McLatchy, A. G. McDonald. Gloucester, J. B. Hachey, F. Wittzell. Northumberland, Allan Davidson, R. A. Lawlor. Kent, R. O'Leary. Westmorland, Messrs. Trites and Lodge. Albert, F. M. Thomson, I. C. Prescott. Kings, Geo. B. Jones. St. John, E. A. Schofield. Charlotte, G. W. Ganong, Dr. Taylor. Queens, Hon. L. P. Farris, Sheriff Williams. Sunbury, Judge J. W. Gilmour, George Perley, M.P.P. York, J. J. McCaffrey, Stanley Douglas. Victoria, J. L. White, M.P.P., Titus Carter, M.P.P. Madawaska, L. A. Dugal, M.P.P., represented in his absence by Jos. Pelletier, M.P.P., Charles Cyr.

Important Matters.

A unanimous resolution in favor of a qualified form of conscription was passed and recommendations bringing the matter before the provincial legislature as well as the dominion government found favor with all present. The problem of the returned soldiers and how to meet and care for and find suitable work for them was one of the most interesting subjects of the afternoon.

Strong Resolutions.

Strong resolutions recommending governments, federal and provincial, and civic and municipal, not to fill any vacancy or any position otherwise than temporarily, pending the placing of some qualified returned soldier, found instant favor with all present. The speeches were short, but strong and emotional. This was particularly true of Col. Guthrie and E. A. Schofield, who steadily advanced the argument that while there was any complaint on the part of the returned soldier, harm was being done to recruiting to provide a home for those who lacked friends when they landed. To have friends to make a soldier comfortable while he waits for his pay or his job was the practical suggestion of both these gentlemen, and it was decided to confer with the Retired Soldiers' Commission, of which Donald Munro is secretary, with this end in view.

The question of conscription and the opinions expressed surprised many present. There was not a man present who did not think it would be necessary and that it was justifiable. Many of them, in fact most of the speakers, were converts to compulsory service. They all recognized that they, as a provincial recruiting association, had no power except the power of influence and that they resolved to wield to the utmost.

Recruiting Criticized.

The present system of recruiting and some of the drawbacks were discussed with much frankness. Such drawbacks as being passed by the home examining physician and being rejected later by the battalion doctor without apparently any particular reason, giving a man who always used to travel first class a second class ticket as soon as he decided to fight for his King and Country, the scarcity of examiners in some

parts of the province who could as soon as a man passed, swear him in and give him transportation, the appointment of young officers 'not out of school'—all these things were pointed out as hindering the work of recruiting in the country districts.

Objects in View.

At the outset Col. Guthrie explained why he had called the meeting and what he hoped to accomplish. As special recruiting officer for the Maritime Provinces he had seen the influence of recruiting speeches grow less as time passed and it was their business to get recruits and to keep getting them. To organize a provincial committee was the first step, and then later to get into personal touch with the young men, to scatter men in khaki over certain districts, hold meetings in every school house in a district one night and next day to make a personal canvass of all those whose names had been handed in by means of his registration.

He explained that the legislature would pass an act for parish revisors to get the names of all men from eighteen to forty-five with a full description of each man, whether married or single, how many children and any other information of value. He explained that with this information and energetic local committees and khaki canvassers they should get good results. Later, he explained that they expected to get a grant from the provincial government to defray the necessary expense.

Last evening the committee authorized its executive to procure suitable badges to show who had offered enlistment and had failed to pass the medical examination. They also decided to procure badges to mark ladies engaged in recruiting work. Among other topics discussed was the housing of recruits and an excuse commission, but no action was taken with respect to either.

The medical examinations, coupled with the fact that the first examining doctor and the battalion doctor often disagree caused much discussion and it was finally decided to request that all registered physicians be appointed deputy recruiting officers and that when any doctor thought it necessary, an examining physician from headquarters could co-operate with him in his work.

Much interest was taken in E. A. Schofield's proposal to make Victoria Day one great recruiting day throughout New Brunswick, to arrange for meetings everywhere and to request the consent of the brigadier general for soldiers returned and for overseas service to assist at each meeting.

LOWER HAINESVILLE.

Lower Hainesville, March 9—Mrs. Mary E. Patterson, an aged and highly respected resident of the place, died on February 1st at Calais, Me., where she had been visiting her son, George W. Allen of this place. Death was due to the infirmities of old age. Had she lived until February 9th she would have been eighty-four years of age. The remains were brought to this place and laid to rest in the cemetery here. She leaves three sons: George W. Allen of Calais, Me.; Moses S. Allen of Harrington, Me.; and Guilford Allen of Marysville. Rev. Mr. Pineo conducted the funeral services.

Our school opened on February 21 with Miss Gladys Coy of Burr's Corner, as teacher. Mrs. James H. Allen has been quite ill with pneumonia, but is improving. La grippe is prevalent here at present.

A quiet wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Jewett on Sunday, February 27th, when Edgar Woodworth and Miss Jessie McGowan of Gagetown, were united in marriage by Rev. Mr. Pineo. Only a few immediate relatives and friends were present at the ceremony. The groom is at present in Fredericton with the 104th Battalion, training for overseas service.

Walter and Thomas Elliott have returned from a lengthy visit at Keswick Ridge.

Quite a number of the lumbermen have finished hauling. Mrs. John Woodworth and daughter Melva of Millville, are visiting relatives and friends in this place. We are getting a regular old-fashioned snow storm today.

FOR SPECIAL TREATMENT.

Mr. R. B. Smith of Oromocto, was in the city Wednesday. He left that night for Boston, where he will receive medical treatment from a specialist.

LEGALLY ENTITLED TO CIVILIAN SALUTE

(Tit Bits, London).

Officers, both naval and military, are representatives of the King and as such are legally entitled to a salute from private soldiers and civilians. In the case of civilians, however, this right is waived, as it would be obviously impossible to enforce it. To be strictly correct, the civilian should always raise his hat before addressing an officer, and the officer should return the compliment with the most rigidly correct military salute as a representative of His Majesty the King.

Another point of etiquette civilians should bear in mind is the mode of address to officers. All officers above captain's rank are addressed by their titles—Colonel So-and-So, Major So-and-So—but lieutenants and second-lieutenants are only entitled to 'Mister' and in writing Esquire is theirs by law.

Civilians should always salute the regimental colors of any troops by raising the hat.

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POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

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The people who never make mistakes all reside in the cemetery.

The fool never stops to count the cost until the bill collector calls.

A mule has one admirable trait, he refuses to stand for flattery.

A woman doesn't realize her strength until she discovers a man's weakness.

Opposition Platform

The following platform was adopted at the Opposition Convention held in St. John recently: In the event of the Opposition being returned to power, we pledge ourselves:—

NO PARTIZAN CONTROL OF CROWN LANDS.

1. We pledge ourselves to completely reorganize the Crown Lands Department, so that its administration shall be entirely severed from politics and administered on sound business principles under systematic plans by a non-partizan commission specially appointed for that purpose, responsible to the Legislature and working in co-operation with the Dominion Commission of Conservation.

TAKE THE HIGHWAYS OUT OF POLITICS.

2. We pledge ourselves to take the highways out of politics, giving the expenditure of the money collected from the people and the control of the labor, together with the Government appropriations, into the hands of supervisors, chosen by the people of each parish, to whom a detailed and audited account must be rendered every year at the annual meeting, and a duplicate thereof forwarded to the Department of Public Works, the work of the supervisors to be under the inspection of a competent provincial engineer.

We also pledge ourselves to set aside the money collected from the licenses upon automobiles and other motor vehicles, together with an equal appropriation from the revenues of the Province each year, to pay the interest upon the bonds to provide for permanent roads, which shall be constructed as rapidly as possible.

PROHIBITION PROVINCE WIDE.

3. We pledge ourselves at the first session of the Legislature to pass a law prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors within the Province to the fullest extent allowed by the Constitution, and within three months after the passage of said Act to submit the same by referendum to the electors of the Province, and should the majority of votes cast be in favor of the said law, then to bring the same into force by proclamation within one year thereafter.

ELECTION LAW.

4. (a) To amend the electoral law so as to make it impossible for members of the Legislature to traffic with the Government and still retain their seats.

(b) To make it possible for young men, when they reach the age of 21 years, to register their names and be placed forthwith upon the voters' lists, instead of waiting for the tedious machinery of revision as it now exists.

(c) To divide the counties into electoral districts which shall each be represented by one member.

(d) We will also consider amendments to the election law to make bribery in municipal as well as provincial elections impossible.

PROVINCIAL FINANCES.

5. To obtain at once a correct statement of the financial condition of the Province in order that the people may have definite knowledge of the vastly increased public debt and the enormous obligations of guaranteed bonds they will be called upon to pay; and to so reduce the cost of the administration of affairs and the number of useless officials as to avoid the necessity for direct taxation now confronting us.

AGRICULTURE.

6. To give the farmers all the practical assistance that the resources of the Province will permit, to improve agricultural methods and the quality and quantity of the stock upon the farm; to reduce the enormous salary list in the department, and to spend the educational grant received from the Federal Government without regard for political patronage.

VALLEY RAILWAY.

7. To complete the Valley Railway from a point on the Transcontinental Railway at or near Grand Falls, to St. John, and insist upon the Dominion Government carrying out the terms of the original legislation and allow the Province forty per cent. of the gross earnings thereof.

EDUCATION.

8. To always maintain and improve the educational service of the Province and to co-operate with the Federal Government in carrying out the recommendations of the commission upon technical education.

IMMIGRATION.

9. The inauguration of a vigorous immigration policy to properly place before intending immigrants, whose number will be large after termination of the war, the advantages of the agricultural possibilities of New Brunswick.

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